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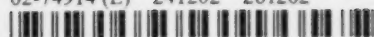
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**Identical letters dated 13 December 2002 from the Chargé
d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the
United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to
the President of the Security Council**

On instructions from my Government, I wish to transmit to you herewith the daily report on the activities carried out by the inspection teams of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Iraq on 13 December 2002.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Activities of the UNMOVIC and IAEA inspection teams in Iraq

Report on the activities carried out on 13 December 2002

The activities of the UNMOVIC and IAEA inspection teams on Friday, 13 December 2002, corresponding to the official weekly holiday in Iraq, were as follows:

I. UNMOVIC inspection team (chemical)

The chemical inspection team, which included 14 inspectors and was headed by Krzysztof Strelau, set out from the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 9.05 a.m. and arrived at the pesticide warehouse belonging to the Agricultural Department in the Musayyib district (70 km south-west of Baghdad) at 10.15 a.m. The team broke up into three smaller groups. The first group inspected the warehouse and the second, the veterinary clinic adjacent to the warehouse, while the third group made a field tour of the site. The team completed its mission at 11.40 a.m. and arrived at the Canal Hotel at 1.00 p.m.

II. UNMOVIC inspection team (missiles)

The inspection team specialized in missiles, which included 12 inspectors and was headed by Kenneth Grove, set out from the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.30 a.m. and arrived at the Ibn al-Haytham site belonging to the Karamah State Company, one of the establishments of the Military Industrialization Commission, at 9.00 a.m. The site, which has been under the ongoing monitoring system, is located in the northern suburbs of Baghdad and specializes in the production of parts for missiles within the range permitted under the Security Council resolutions. It was visited dozens of times by the inspection teams of the former United Nations Special Commission (UNSCOM) and was the target of intensive bombing during the United States and British aggression against Iraq from 16 to 20 December 1998. The UNMOVIC team had previously visited it on 10 December 2002. The team split into three groups, the first of which stayed at the entrance to the site during the inspection period, while the second held a meeting with a member of the site liaison in the National Monitoring Directorate, asking him numerous questions, to which answers were provided. The third group made a tour of the various buildings and facilities at the site. The team finished its mission at 12.50 p.m. and arrived at the Canal Hotel at 1.15 p.m.

III. UNMOVIC inspection team (biological)

The inspection team, which included nine inspectors and was headed by Kay Mereish, set out at 8.40 a.m. from the Canal Hotel and arrived at the Communicable Diseases Control Centre, near Al-Andalus Square in downtown Baghdad, at 9.00 a.m. The Centre is a Ministry of Health institution that specializes in the control of infectious diseases and pathogen vectors. It formerly occupied a wing of the Central Public Health Laboratory of the Ministry of Health and was transferred

to its new location in 2001. Its transfer was recorded in the most recent updated half-yearly declaration delivered to UNMOVIC in Vienna on 1 October 2002.

At 11.30 a.m. the Director of the Baghdad Ongoing Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Centre, Mr. Miroslav Gregoric, telephoned Major-General Husam Muhammad Amin of the National Monitoring Directorate and requested him to come to the Communicable Diseases Control Centre in order that a solution might be arrived at for certain labelling problems. This actually took place and agreement was reached between the two sides at the site. The inspection team made a tour of the site facilities and, having completed its mission at 12.50 p.m., returned to the Canal Hotel at 1.00 p.m.

IV. IAEA inspection team

The IAEA inspection team split up into two groups, as follows:

The first group, composed of four inspectors and headed by Frank Pabian, set out from the Canal Hotel at 9.30 a.m. It made a tour of the main thoroughfares and side streets of the northern and western quarters of Baghdad, taking radiation readings by means of portable equipment as it proceeded, with a view to detecting any radiation activity or undeclared radiation source. This group completed its mission at 11.30 a.m. and returned to the Canal Hotel at 11.45 a.m.

The second group, composed of three inspectors and headed by David Hayes, set out from the Burj al-Hayat Hotel at 8.35 a.m. and arrived at the town of Suwayrah, located 70 kilometres south of Baghdad. The group took water, plant and soil samples from the area near the Suwayrah bridge over the Tigris, then proceeded to Nahr al-Qa'id, near Suwayrah, where it took the same samples. The group then proceeded to the town of Musayyib, located 70 kilometres south-west of Baghdad, and took the same samples near the new Musayyib bridge over the Euphrates River. Having completed its mission, the group arrived at the Canal Hotel at 3.20 p.m.

V. Communications group

The communications group, which was composed of five persons, set out from the Canal Hotel at 7.07 a.m. and headed for the Qadisiyah border complex (Taribil) at the Iraqi-Jordanian border, mentioning that the purpose was to reconnoitre the road with a view to the establishment of a communications system between the Canal Hotel and the border crossing point at the Qadisiyah complex. The group arrived at Taribil at 12.52 p.m. and met with a representative of the Cotecna company, which inspects the goods that enter Iraq under contracts within the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding and the oil-for-food programme. The mission was completed at 1.50 p.m. and the group reached the Canal Hotel at 5.45 p.m.

VI. Remarks

This was the first time that the inspection teams continued their work on a Friday, which is the weekly official and religious holiday in Iraq as in other Islamic countries, and the second time that it continued its work on holidays in general, inasmuch as it carried out inspection missions on the third day of the blessed Id al-Fitr, which fell on 7 December 2002 A.D.